

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

SB 1187 – HB 1045

March 20, 2013

SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL: Imposes a moratorium on the use of public or private land for the above ground disposal of human remains for the purpose of studying the systematic decomposition of the human body. Exempts research facilities engaged in the study of above ground human remains as of January 1, 2013, from the moratorium. Requires the moratorium to last until the Commissioner of the Department of Environment and Conservation and the Commissioner of the Department of Agriculture jointly promulgate and file with the Secretary of State rules and regulations concerning permissible locations of facilities or tracks of land used for the above ground study of the decomposition of human remains.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (005103): Specifies that research facilities accepting human remains that are engaged in the above ground study of human remains as of January 1, 2013, are exempt from the moratorium. Requires that rules and regulations be promulgated in consultation with the University of Tennessee, and to be completed no more than 18 months from the effective date of this bill.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

Unchanged from the original fiscal note.

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- The proposed moratorium on the use of public or private land for the above ground disposal of human remains for the purpose of studying the systematic decomposition of the human body will not result in a significant fiscal impact to state or local governments.
- Rule promulgation will not result in a significant fiscal impact to the Department of Environment and Conservation or the Department of Agriculture, and such can be

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accommodated within existing resources of the departments without increased appropriations or reduced reversions.

- Any increase in expenditures for the University of Tennessee to consult with the departments regarding the promulgation of rules and regulations will be not significant.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lucian D. Geise". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Lucian" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Geise".

Lucian D. Geise, Executive Director

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